

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

**MOBILE HEALTH INNOVATIVE
SOLUTIONS, LLC,**

Plaintiff,

v.

APPLE INC.

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:24-cv-14

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Mobile Health Innovative Solutions, LLC (“Plaintiff” and/or “MHIS”) files this complaint against Apple Inc. (“Defendant” and/or “Apple”) for infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,468,984 (“the ’984 Patent”) and alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff is a Wyoming company having its principal place of business in Cheyenne, Wyoming.
2. Upon information and belief, Defendant is a company that has offices in this District and recently lost an ITC trial due to its infringement of a third party’s patent rights.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 271 *et seq.* Plaintiff is seeking damages, as well as attorney fees and costs.
4. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332, 1338, and 1367.

5. On information and belief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant has committed, and continues to commit, acts of infringement in this District, has conducted business in this District, and/or has engaged in continuous and systematic activities in this District.

6. More specifically, Defendant, directly and/or through intermediaries, ship, distribute, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or advertise products and/or services in the United States, the State of Texas, and the Eastern District of Texas including but not limited to the Products as detailed below. Upon information and belief, Defendant has committed patent infringement in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas. Defendant solicits and has solicited customers in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas. Defendant has paying customers, who are residents of the State of Texas and the Eastern District of Texas, who each use and have used the Defendant's products and services in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas.

7. On information and belief, Defendant's instrumentalities that are alleged herein to infringe were and continue to be used, imported, offered for sale, and/or sold in this District.

8. Venue is proper as Apple files lawsuits in this District on a regular basis, including against competitor Ericsson. *See* Figure 1.

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6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Apple because Apple availed itself of the jurisdiction of this Court and engaged in acts giving rise to this controversy in this district, including selling Apple products into this District.

7. Apple consented to venue in this Court by filing its Complaint against Ericsson in this District and thus venue for Ericsson's Counterclaim is proper in this district.

Figure 1 – Screen excerpts from Apple Inc. v. Ericsson, Case 2:21-cv-00460-JRG, Dkt. 55 (E.D. Tex. April 6, 2022) (Ericsson’s Answer to Apple’s Complaint filed under seal without a public version being filed with the Court for the Public).

PATENT-IN-SUIT

9. On October 11, 2022, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) duly and legally issued the ’984 Patent, entitled “Device, Method and Application for Establishing a Current Load Level.” The ’984 Patent is attached as Exhibit A.

10. Plaintiff is the sole and exclusive owner, by assignment, of the ’984 Patent.

11. Plaintiff possesses all rights of recovery under the ’984 Patent, including the exclusive right to recover for past, present and future infringement.

12. The ’984 Patent contains eighteen claims including two independent claims (claims 1 and 12) and sixteen dependent claims.

13. The priority date of the ’984 Patent is at least as early as August 1, 2013. As of the priority date, the inventions as claimed were novel, non-obvious, unconventional, and non-routine.

14. Plaintiff alleges infringement on the part of Defendant of the ’984 Patent.

15. The ’984 Patent teaches devices and methods for establishing a current load or stress level of a user. The devices and methods of the ’984 Patent determine a current load or stress level of a user from biometric data obtained from at least one sensor on a mobile terminal. *See* ’984 Patent, Abstract.

16. The ’984 Patent was examined by Primary United States Patent Examiner Rex R. Holmes. During the examination of the ’984 Patent, the United States Patent Examiner searched for prior art in the following US Classifications: *G16H 40167* (2018.01); *A61B 51165* (2013.01); *A61B 514809* (2013.01); *A61B 514812* (2013.01); *A61B 514815* (2013.01); *A61B 514884* (2013.01); *A61B 517267* (2013.01); *G06N 3/04* (2013.01); *G06N 3/0454* (2013.01); *G06N 3/084* (2013.01);

G06N 3/088 (2013.01); G10L 25163 (2013.01); G10L 25166 (2013.01); G16B 40120 (2019.02); G16H 50/20 (2018.01); A61B 511124 (2013.01); A61B 5/486 (2013.01); A61B 5/4806 (2013.01); A61B 5/6898 (2013.01); A61B 5/7264 (2013.01); G06N 3/0445 (2013.01); and G16B 40/00 (2019.02).

17. After conducting a search for prior art during the examination of the '984 Patent, the United States Patent Examiner identified and cited over 40 references published articles.

18. After giving full proper credit to the prior art and having conducted a thorough search for all relevant art and having fully considered the most relevant art known at the time, the United States Patent Examiner allowed all of the claims of the '984 Patent to issue. In so doing, it is presumed that Examiner Holmes used his knowledge of the art when examining the claims. *K/S Himpp v. Hear-Wear Techs., LLC*, 751 F.3d 1362, 1369 (Fed. Cir. 2014). It is further presumed that Examiner Holmes had experience in the field of the invention, and that the Examiner properly acted in accordance with a person of ordinary skill. *In re Sang Su Lee*, 277 F.3d 1338, 1345 (Fed. Cir. 2002). In view of the foregoing, the claims of the '984 Patent are novel and non-obvious, including over all non-cited art which is merely cumulative with the referenced and cited prior art. Likewise, the claims of the '984 Patent are novel and non-obvious, including over all non-cited contemporaneous state of the art systems and methods, all of which would have been known to a person of ordinary skill in the art, and which were therefore presumptively also known and considered by Examiner Holmes.

19. The claims of the '984 Patent were all properly issued, and are valid and enforceable for the respective terms of their statutory life through expiration, and are enforceable for purposes of seeking damages for past infringement even post-expiration. *See, e.g., Genetics Institute, LLC v. Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Inc.*, 655 F.3d 1291, 1299 (Fed. Cir. 2011) (“[A]n expired

patent is not viewed as having ‘never existed.’ Much to the contrary, a patent does have value beyond its expiration date. For example, an expired patent may form the basis of an action for past damages subject to the six-year limitation under 35 U.S.C. § 286”) (internal citations omitted).

20. The nominal expiration date for the claims of the ’984 Patent is no earlier than August 1, 2033.

COUNT I
(Infringement of United States Patent No. 11,468,984)

21. Plaintiff refers to and incorporates the allegations in Paragraphs 1 – 20, the same as if set forth herein.

22. This cause of action arises under the patent laws of the United States and, in particular under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, *et seq.*

23. Defendant has knowledge of its infringement of the ’984 Patent, at least as of the service of the present complaint.

24. The ’984 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

25. Upon information and belief, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims, including at least Claim 1, of the ’984 Patent by manufacturing, using, importing, selling, offering for sale, and/or providing (as identified in the Claim Charts attached hereto as Exhibits B) products including, but not limited to, the Series 7, 8, and Apple Smartwatches, including later versions with the same Accused Functionality (“Accused Instrumentalities”), which infringe at least Claim 1 of the ’984 Patent. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the ’984 patent either directly or through acts of contributory infringement or inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

26. Defendant also has and continues to directly infringe, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims, including at least Claim 1, of the '984 Patent, by having its employees internally test and use these exemplary Products.

27. The service of this Complaint, in conjunction with the attached claim chart and references cited, constitutes actual knowledge of infringement as alleged here.

28. Despite such actual knowledge, Defendant continues to make, use, test, sell, offer for sale, market, and/or import into the United States, products that infringe one or more claims, including at least Claim 1, of the '984 Patent. On information and belief, Defendant has also continued to sell the exemplary Products and distribute product literature and website materials inducing end users and others to use its products in the customary and intended manner that infringes one or more claims, including at least Claim 1, of the '984 Patent. *See* Exhibits B and C (extensively referencing these materials to demonstrate how they direct end users to commit patent infringement).

29. At least since being served by this Complaint and corresponding claim chart, Defendant has actively, knowingly, and intentionally continued to induce infringement of the '984 Patent, literally or by the doctrine of equivalents, by selling exemplary Products to their customers for use in end-user products in a manner that infringes one or more claims, including at least Claim 1, of the '984 Patent.

30. Exhibits B and C include charts comparing the exemplary Claim 1 of the '984 Patent to Defendant's exemplary Products. As set forth in these charts, the Defendant's exemplary Products practice the technology claimed by the '984 Patent. Accordingly, the Defendant's exemplary Products incorporated in these charts satisfy all elements of the exemplary Claim 1 of the '984 Patent.

31. Plaintiff therefore incorporates by reference in its allegations herein the claim chart of Exhibits B and C.

32. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate for Defendant's infringement.

33. Defendant's actions complained of herein will continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this court.

34. Defendant's actions complained of herein are causing irreparable harm and monetary damage to Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless and until Defendant is enjoined and restrained by this Court.

35. Plaintiff is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully asks the Court to:

1. Enter judgment for Plaintiff on this Complaint on all cases of action asserted herein;
2. Enter an Order enjoining Defendant, its agents, officers, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receives notice of the order from further infringement of United States Patent No. 11,468,984 (or, in the alternative, awarding Plaintiff running royalty from the time judgment going forward);
3. Award Plaintiff damages resulting from Defendant's infringement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284; and
4. Award Plaintiff such further relief to which the Court finds Plaintiff entitled under law or equity.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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